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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is a response to the Amendment filed March 11, 2003, in Paper No. 8.

Response to Amendment

Claims 11 and 16-18 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are pending in the instant application.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The rejection of claims 15, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a away as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims is withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments.

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schneider (2001) is withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider (Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, 2001, FZKA 6587, 1-139) in further view of Baracchini et al. [U.S. Patent No. 5801154] and Fritz et al. (Journal of Colloid

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and Interface Science, 1997 Vol. 195:272-288) is maintained for the reasons of record set forth in the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002 in Paper No. 5.

Applicants, in response to the previous Office Action, argue that the claims (as amended) recite specific regions within thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 (SEQ ID NO: 3) that are not taught in the primary reference of Schneider et al. Applicants also argue that Schneider et al. disclose the general use of antisense for inhibition of expression of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6, but do not teach specific active sites/regions of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 that may be targeted by antisense. Applicants also argue that Baracchini et al. teach modifications to antisense oligonucleotides to enhance activity, but do not teach or suggest the use of antisense compounds targeted to specific regions of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6. Applicants further argue that Fritz et al. disclose cationic polystyrene nanoparticles as carrier systems for antisense compounds in general, but do not teach or suggest the use of antisense compounds targeted to specific regions of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6.

Applicant's argument has been carefully considered but are not considered persuasive. Applicant argues against the references individually, but must consider the rejection based upon the combination of the references. *See*, MPEP 2145. As argued in the Office action mailed September 11, 2002, it would have been *prima facie* obvious to make antisense oligonucleotides encoding thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 (Trip6) since the prior art has asserted that it is of considerable interest to investigate the possible role of Trip6 in human cancers (Yi and Beckerle). As further argued, one of ordinary skill in the art would have had a reasonable expectation of success in making antisense oligonucleotides targeting thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 since Schneider taught the reduction of endogenous Trip6 protein by antisense

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techniques. As further argue, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify antisense oligonucleotides since the prior art has taught the desirability of such oligonucleotides are often preferred over native forms because of enhanced cellular uptake, enhanced affinity for nucleic acid target, increased stability in the presence of nucleases and the exhibition of high colloidal stability with low toxic side effects as required for biological experiments (Baracchini et al. and Fritz et al.).

Further, regarding a compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, a coding region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid encoding thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 of SEQ ID NO: 3, as now recited in amended claim 1 and Applicant's arguments that Schneider et al. do not disclose specific regions within thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 that may be targeted by antisense and Baracchini et al and Fritz et al. do not teach the use of antisense compounds targeted to specific regions of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6, Baracchini et al. teach antisense oligonucleotides that can specifically hybridize with a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, a coding region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a target gene (see column 9, lines 6-67 and column 10, lines 1-25 and Table 1). Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated and expected success to make an antisense compound targeting specific regions such as the 5'-untranslated region, the start codon region, a coding region, or the 3'-untranslated region nucleic acid molecule encoding thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 because it is well known in the art to target different sites/regions within a gene for the oligonucleotide interaction to occur such that a desired effect (e.g., detection or modulation of expression of the protein) will result.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are objected to for the following informalities(s): Claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 4-10, 12-15, 19 and 20 recite, "a compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, a coding region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO: 3 encoding thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6". The use of the article "a" in lines 2-3 of claim 1 is improper since all the limitations are drawn to the nucleic acid. Replacement with the language "the" in lines 2-3 of claim 1 would overcome the instant rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-15, 19 and 20 are indefinite because they recite or depend from the term "compound". The term "compound" is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "compound" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Replacement with the language "antisense nucleic acid" would overcome the instant rejection.

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Claim 19 is indefinite because it recites the term "differentially inhibits". The term

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"differentially inhibits" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard

for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably

apprised of the metes and bounds of the term "differentially inhibits".

Claim 19 is indefinite because it recites, "The compound of claim 1 targeted to a nucleic

acid molecule encoding thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6, wherein said compound

specifically hybridizes with and differentially inhibits the expression of one or more of the

variants of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6 relative to the remaining variants of thyroid

hormone receptor interactor 6". It is unclear what is meant by "relative to the remaining variants

of thyroid hormone receptor interactor 6". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 20 is indefinite because it recites the term "TRIP-61". The term "TRIP-61" is not

defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite

degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the metes and

bounds of the term "TRIP-6I".

Conclusion

No claims are allowable

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terra C. Gibbs whose telephone number is (703) 306-3221. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John L. LeGuyader can be reached on (703) 308-0447. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-8693 for regular communications and (703) 872-9307 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

tcg May 6, 2003

> RAM SHUKLA PRIMARY EXAMINER